

CURRENT NEEDS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Filer Elementary

1. Growth of 30% in past five years in 1st-3rd.
2. General education will need five classrooms 1st – 3rd in next five years and there are no available rooms.
3. No options for full day Kindergarten for those in need.
4. Gym capacity is 571 and capacity exceeded during whole school assemblies and school night time programs.
5. 4th grade is currently housed with the Kindergarten students.
6. I.E.P. meetings with parents are often interrupted, limiting privacy.
7. Special needs classes need access to necessary equipment.
8. Parking, Parking, Parking.

Filer Middle School

1. Lack of classroom space – floating teacher has to teach science in the cafeteria during food preparation etc.
2. Lack of computer lab space – not enough room for entire class in lab to do research, write papers, instruction, state testing, etc.
3. Lack of restrooms for the number of students.
4. Special needs classes are doubled up in a small space which limits instructional effectiveness.
5. Parking lot needs paving, especially during winter months.

Filer High School

1. Lack of classroom space – floating teachers limit teachers ability to provide extra help for students during tutorial, lunch, before school, etc.
2. Lack of classroom space – floating teachers limit ability to set up labs and other hands-on teaching activities.
3. Lack of room for additional computer lab limits teacher's ability to do research projects, writing, and state provided support programs such as IDLA or PLATO.
4. Special needs classes have no equipment, running water etc, for Life Skills required by the Federal American with Disabilities Act.

Why is maintenance part of this bond? Without a plant facility or supplemental levy that most districts in the region and 80% of the districts in the state have, the district has only enough funds to complete minor repairs. The evaluation by JUB engineering indicated that major roof repairs are needed at the current elementary building. In addition, there is a need to accommodate the use of the middle school by the public by paving part of the west parking lot. Hollister School also has roofing issues that need to be addressed.

Why build at the current elementary site? Building on the current elementary site allows the district to share many programs between the K-3 and 4-6 building, such as special education and administration. The district does not currently own any land and building on the existing site means the district does not have to find and purchase land for the proposed 4-6 intermediate building.

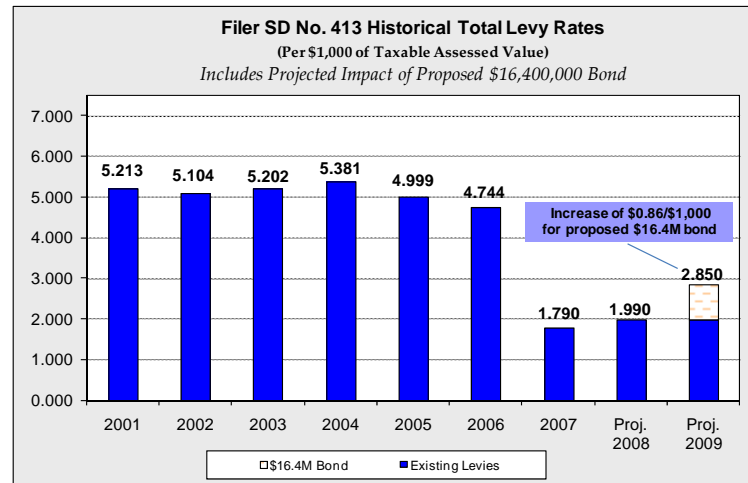
PROPOSED COSTS OF THE BUILDING LEVIES:

HOW THE LEVIES AFFECT YOUR TAX

\$16,400,000 Bond: Tax impact of projected 2009 increase over 2008 on:	Tax impact below based on increase of \$.86/\$1,000	
	Monthly	Annual
\$100K residential (1):	\$3.58	\$43.00
\$200K residential (2):	\$7.93	\$95.18
\$100K non-residential (3):	\$7.17	\$86.00
\$200K non-residential (3):	\$14.33	\$172.00

- (1) After homeowners exemption of \$50,000 (50% of home value) yielding \$50,000 taxable value.
- (2) After homeowners exemption of \$89,325 (maximum exemption) yielding \$110,675 taxable value.
- (3) Exemption does not apply to non-residential properties.

Note: Homeowners exemption allows an exemption of \$89,325 on the home value or 50% of the **home value** (including 1 acre of land) whichever is less.



The tax rate dropped between 2006-2007 as maintenance and operation expenses were removed from property taxes and moved to the state. With the addition of \$.86 for the proposed bond, the new tax levy rate would be almost two dollars less per \$1000 than the 2006 levy rate.

FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT #413

Bond Levy

**New Intermediate School,
High School Extracurricular & Community Facilities,
Hollister, Filer Elem., & Filer Middle School Maintenance**



Anyone living in the Filer School District Boundaries is eligible to vote. Anyone can register to vote on site May 2nd. Anyone can request an absentee ballot from the district office.

Filer Bond Election

Friday, May 2, 2008

Voting from 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

At any of the following schools:

**Filer High School, Filer Middle School,
Filer Elementary, and Hollister Elementary**

TO OUR PATRONS

For the past year the Long Range Facility Planning Committee has involved members of the community, teachers and staff, administrators, architects, and board trustees in helping to determine future student enrollment and in developing a long-range plan that addresses current needs and prevents over-crowding.

Our goal is to have personal conversations with each of you. However, if we are not able to meet with you please contact any member of the planning committee or any board member with questions you may have. Please contact the elementary school (ph 326-4369) and tour the building to see the needs for yourself.

We are presenting to you, the patrons and parents of our school district, the needs of our district and a plan for your approval to assure the safety and well being of our children.

1. Build a new intermediate school to house 4th, 5th, & 6th, grades.
2. Build additional classrooms at the high school.
3. Complete necessary maintenance projects at all schools.

Sincerely,

Jim Hughes ph, 733-7397
Committee Chairman

Julie Koyle ph, 326-6577
Filer PTO

The proposed bond issue will:

1. Relieve over-crowding by providing 25 new teaching stations at the new 4-6th school and 8 teaching stations at the high school.
2. Provide the required special education classrooms at the 4-6th grade school and share them with the adjacent elementary school plus provide special education classrooms at the high school to meet the needs for both middle school and high school.
3. Provide a multi-use facility for the intermediate school physical education while also serving as a district practice facility eliminating early morning or late night practice times and providing for community use. The facility will also provide bleachers for both games and school programs.
4. Construct the new building on property already owned by the school district.
5. Set aside \$100,000 for Hollister School to repair the roof over the gym, kitchen, and classroom.
6. Set aside \$75,000 to pave part of the west end parking lot at the middle school to accommodate both school and community use.
7. Fix the roof at Filer Elementary according to JUB engineering study.

BUILDING FEATURES

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4th-6th), additional High School classrooms, Hollister, Filer Elem., & Filer Middle School Maintenance

The new facility will consist of educational space for grades 4-6.

Classrooms

- (4) 4th grade classrooms
- (4) 5th grade classrooms
- (4) 6th grade classrooms
- (3) Unassigned classrooms
- Computer lab
- Music Room
- Multi-purpose facility with full-size basketball, (2) volleyball courts
- (3) Special education classrooms
- (1) Title/ELL classroom
- (1) Physical & Speech Therapy
- Media center Administration areas
- Food Service/Kitchen/Cafeteria

HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR & COMMUNITY PROJECT

Relocating the football field to the high school and upgrades for other programs will include:

- Community restroom facility
- Aluminum 800 seat bleachers & Lights
- Concession building
- Team rooms for home and visiting teams

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If the district did not have out-of-district students would we need the new facility? Yes, there would still be a need for a facility with new rooms to meet existing needs. Removing out-of-district students would only reduce class size by 2-3 students per room, however it would not free up any rooms. The school board reduced the class size for out-of-district students and many former out-of-district students moved into the district. The school board closed the elementary to out-of-district students and in four years there will be no out-of-district students at the elementary. The district receives approximately \$5000 from the state for each student, whether they are in district or out-of-district. Out-of-district student numbers have been reduced by over 5% this year and the Filer School District will continue to reduce the number of out-of-district students with the new growth.

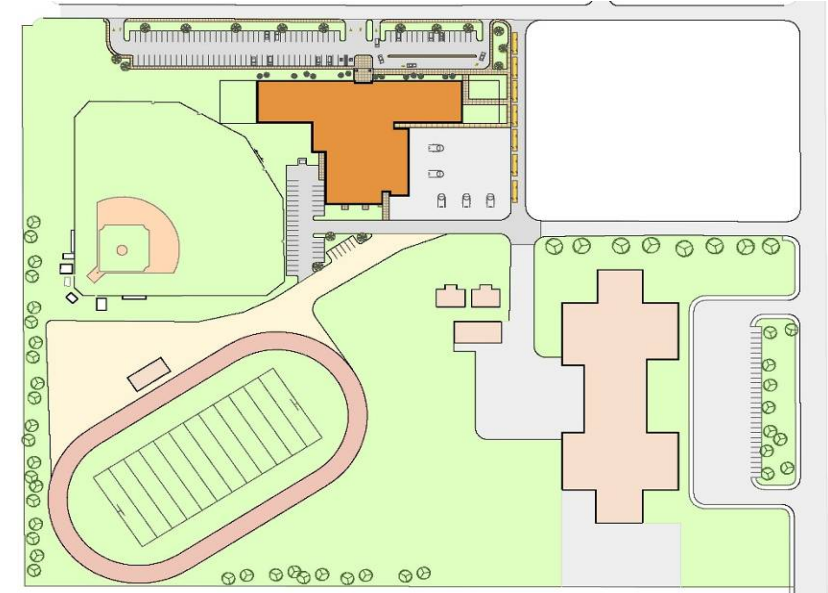
What effect would the new building have on the Hollister in-district transfers and Out-of-district policy?

The proposed new building is designed to meet expected growth for the next ten years. That growth is from students moving into existing homes and new homes being built and students living in those new homes. As new students arrive, the out-of-district policy will continue to protect space for students living in the district. The board has already decided this fall to eliminate any new out-of-district students at the elementary school. The same need to protect space applies to Hollister. There will not be room to move Hollister to the new building and still accommodate future growth.

PROPOSED PLAN

Approval of the bond will allow for project completion no later than fall 2010. The site plan will be located on 6th street adjacent to the Lutheran Church.

SITE PLAN



The total bond issue amount proposed includes site development, all construction, fees and permits, classroom furnishings, and landscaping.